

2016 - 2018

The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) with guidance from Dr. Singleton has worked over the 18 months to create the Research Coordinator position and Health Research department. This position has been responsible in assisting the CDC-AIP with research and surveillance.

Infrastructure building for the coordinator position included working with a finance administrator to create fund centers and department code. YKHC provided space, creating a physical office, providing secure storage for participant and study files as well as secure electronic files. Initial work included setting up research job descriptions and setting up employees in HR and payroll. It also included meeting the specific requirements of employment at YKHC (i.e. required trainings including customer service training, annual mandatory orientation).

In 2017, CDC nurses trained YKHC research coordinator on the H.Pylori Follow up Study and the Hepatitis B Vax protocol and procedures. In addition, in 2017, YKHC stored the H.Pylori follow up study at YKHC nurse education room and the coordinator-negotiated shipment of breath tests to CDC-AIP to Anchorage

Ongoing RSV surveillance in children entails querying the electronic health record and reporting out to the RSV group. The coordinator provides lab result data as needed to help track and trend RSV in the YK Delta.

Office of Environmental Health Staff leads MRSA intervention in one targeted YK Delta community. The Research Coordinator provides data to evaluate on going skin infections in the community and throughout the YK delta.

YKHC provides support to CDC-AIP for emerging Infectious Disease in the YK Delta. The YKHC coordinator acted as liaison during the Haemophilus Influenzae Type a outbreak response and infection evaluation needed in one community on the Kuskokwim. The response included working with the community, including leadership, and communicating the issues

In 2018, the research coordinator provided ongoing surveillance support for the H.Pylori surveillance activities hosted researchers who present to the providers and provide training for OR nurses and lab staff. Setting up the creation of a poster for the OR staff as a reminder. Working with endoscopists to create a phrase in the Endoscopy patient consent.

Per YKHC's finance administrator, we plan to draw \$30,000.